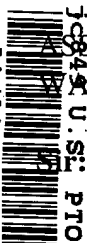


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- ☒ Specification, claims, Abstract  
☒ 20 sheet(s) of drawings  
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☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
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